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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An electrical apparatus comprising:

(a) an electrical device comprising (i) a housing including a first battery holding region capable of holding a first battery and a second battery holding region capable of holding a second battery, wherein the first and second battery holding regions are aligned along a same axis, and (ii) a battery separator between the first battery holding region and the second battery holding region, wherein the electrical device comprises an input device, a processor coupled to the input device, and an audio output device coupled to the processor; and

(b) a battery pack including (i) a body comprising an aperture, and (ii) a rechargeable power source within the body, wherein at least a portion of the body is receivable in the first and second battery holding regions,

wherein the battery separator is insertable within the aperture.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 wherein the body includes two outer linear portions and an intermediate portion ~~coupling~~ between the two outer linear portions.

Claim 3. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 2 wherein the two outer linear portions include respective first and second ends, the first ends of the two outer linear portions being closer to each other than the second ends of the two outer linear portions.

Claim 4. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 2 wherein the intermediate portion includes electrical contacts that are coupled to the rechargeable power source.

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Claim 5. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 wherein the first and second battery holding regions are cooperatively configured to receive the portion of the body.

Claim 6. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 wherein the battery separator is capable of moving in a direction substantially perpendicular to an orientation of the first or the second battery.

Claim 7. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a hand held gaming device.

Claim 8. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electrical apparatus is a book reading device.

Claim 9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a biasing element located proximate at least one end of the first battery holding region or the second battery holding region.

Claim 11. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 wherein the housing includes a third battery holding region capable of holding a third battery and a fourth battery holding region capable of holding a fourth battery, wherein the third and fourth battery holding regions are aligned along a second axis, and wherein the electrical device includes a second battery separator between the third and fourth battery holding regions.

Claim 12. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 11 wherein the body has a second portion including a second aperture that is receivable in the third battery holding region and the fourth battery holding region.

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Claim 13. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 12 wherein the battery separator remains in a substantially fixed position.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 wherein the battery separator remains in a substantially fixed position ~~in the battery holding region, and wherein the body includes an aperture, wherein the aperture is capable of receiving the battery separator.~~

Claim 15. (original) The electrical apparatus of claim 1 wherein the rechargeable power source comprises at least two rechargeable batteries aligned end to end.

Claim 16. (currently amended) A battery pack comprising:

- (a) a body including a linear portion;
- (b) a first rechargeable battery;
- (c) a second rechargeable battery; and
- (d) an aperture in the linear portion of the body in between the first

rechargeable battery and the second rechargeable battery, wherein the aperture is capable of receiving a battery separator,

wherein the body encloses the first rechargeable battery and the second rechargeable battery and prevents removal of the first and second rechargeable batteries from the battery pack.

Claim 17. (original) The battery pack of claim 16 wherein the linear portion is a first linear portion aligned along a first axis, wherein the aperture is a first aperture, and wherein the battery pack includes a second linear portion aligned along a second axis, wherein the second linear portion includes a third rechargeable battery and a fourth rechargeable battery, and wherein a second aperture is in the second linear portion between the third rechargeable battery and the fourth rechargeable battery.

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Claim 18. (currently amended) The battery pack of claim 17 wherein an intermediate portion ~~couples~~ is between the first linear portion and the second linear portion.

Claim 19. (currently amended) ~~The battery pack of claim 17~~ A battery pack comprising:
(a) a linear portion;
(b) a first rechargeable battery;
(c) a second rechargeable battery; and
(d) an aperture in the linear portion in between the first rechargeable battery and the second rechargeable battery, wherein the aperture is capable of receiving a battery separator,

wherein the linear portion is a first linear portion aligned along a first axis, wherein the aperture is a first aperture, and wherein the battery pack includes a second linear portion aligned along a second axis, wherein the second linear portion includes a third rechargeable battery and a fourth rechargeable battery, and wherein a second aperture is in the second linear portion between the third rechargeable battery and the fourth rechargeable battery wherein the first and second axes diverge.

Claims 20.-22. (canceled)

Claim 23. (new) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electrical device further comprises a display screen operatively coupled to the processor.

Claim 24. (new) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the electrical device further comprises a display screen operatively coupled to the processor and a stylus suitable for selecting images on the display screen.

Claim 25. (new) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the aperture is in the form of a slit.